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SUBJ: PROPOSED KENYAN SECURITY ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS

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1. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME VISIT TO KENYA BY STATE/DOD REPRESENTATIVES FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED REFTEL AS SOON AS FEASIBLE. BELIEVE ANY RISK OF INVIDIOUS LINKAGE OF VISIT OF U.S. TEAM TO LOCAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS CAN BE MINIMIZED BY NORMAL DISCRETION ON PART OF TEAM AND EMBASSY. IN ANY EVENT, PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTUAL TRANSITION IN LEADERSHIP OF THIS COUNTRY LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. THEREFORE, PARTICULARLY SINCE KENYAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER WHAT THEY VIEW AS LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS ON PART OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO THEIR DEFENSE NEEDS, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT TEAM VISIT KENYA DURING WEEK OF APRIL 14 RATHER THAN DELAY VISIT TO END OF MONTH.

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2. SINCE TEAM'S OBJECTIVES COULD NOT BE FULLY REALIZED

UNLESS WE HAVE ASSURANCES OF ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE KENYAN PERSONNEL, WE HAVE TAKEN LIBERTY OF ASKING DEFENCE MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY KIEREINI WHETHER PROPOSED BRIEFINGS/DISCUSSIONS WITH KENYAN OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS COULD TAKE PLACE BEGINNING APRIL 15 AND CONTINUING APRIL 16 AND 17 IF REQUIRED. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR PRIVATE EMBASSY MEETINGS WITH TEAM ON APRIL 14 PRIOR TO FIRST MEETING AT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. KIEREINI HAS PROMISED TO LET US KNOW TOMORROW WHETHER THESE DATES WOULD BE FEASIBLE. WHILE KIEREINI REAFFIRMED GOK INTEREST IN OBTAINING U.S. AIRCRAFT, HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT TEAM INCLUDE SOMEONE ABLE TO DISCUSS GROUND FORCES EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS SHOWN IN GOK "SHOPPING LIST" EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT. ALTHOUGH MOST OF ITEMS SHOWN ON GROUND FORCES EQUIPMENT LIST ARE OF NON-U.S. ORIGIN, KIEREINI EMPHASIZED THAT LIST IS PURELY "ILLUSTRATIVE" AND THAT EVENTUAL SOURCE OF SUPPLY STILL UNDETERMINED. HE SAID IT WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE NECESSARY FOR TEAM TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO PROCUREMENT OF ITEMS FOR KENYA NAVY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO KIEREINI'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS SUCH AS KENYA AIR FORCE GAVE U.K. GENERAL MAN'S GROUP LAST YEAR (THREE SOLID DAYS OF BRIEFINGS) WOULD BE DESIRED, WE SUGGESTED THAT, INASMUCH AS U.S. TEAM WILL HAVE READ MAN'S REPORT AND KENYAN ANALYSIS THEREOF, MEETINGS EMPHASIZING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE USE OF TIME FOR BOTH SIDES. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT AS WELL AS ANY SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS WHICH TEAM WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO SUBMIT TO DEFENCE MINISTRY IN ADVANCE OF ITS ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI.
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